Identification of Excess Railway Land in Hyderabad

4104. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether South Central Railways identified excess land in Hyderabad and Secunderabad for development;

(b) whether Commercial exploitation of this land will be allowed by S. C. Railways; and

(c) if so, the details of plans by South Central Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Requirements of H. P. Engines

4105. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether recent imports by Railways has effectively derailed indigenous efforts to meet requirements of high H. P. engines;

(b) whether any study has been made on the effect of imports on various public sector units connected with Railways;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to encourage indigenous manufacture?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However the import of these locomotives has no effect on the indigenous manufacture of electric locomotives as the indigenous capacity continues to be fully utilised. These imports are primarily meant for upgrading technology and would, in due course, be of help to public sector units connected with the Railways.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) In addition to manufacturing conventional locomotives, the public sector units will be encouraged to participate in technology transfer of H. H. P., 3 phase locomotives.

Encroachment of Railway Land

4106. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints of encroachment of railway lands at major railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government so far with results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There are 1,85,144 encroachments on Indian Railways. For removal of encroachments, action under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 is being taken. This is a continuous process. During the last three years, 26,316 encroachments have been removed as a result of action taken by the Railways.

Computerising Rail Reservation Facilities in Punjab

4107. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) The details of computerised rail reservation facilities available at railway stations in Punjab at present; and

(b) Whether Government propose to introduce this system at some more railway stations in near future, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The facility of computerised reservations has been provided at Amritsar, Ludhiana and Chandigarh stations.

(b) It is proposed to introduce this facility at Jalandhar railway station.

Extension of Railway line upto Agartala

4108. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had announced about two years back that the location survey for extension of the Railway line up to Agartala would be started shortly;

(b) whether the location survey has been undertaken;

(c) if not, reasons therefor;

(d) whether it has been taken up, if so, what is the progress;

(e) how long it will take to complete the survey;

(f) whether the location survey has been taken up along the National Highway No. 44 known as Assam-Agartala Road (Life Line) or from Kumarghat to Kamalpur, Khowai, Agartala route; and

(g) by when the actual construction works of the Railway is likely to begin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) The final location survey for extending the Railway line from Kumarghat to Agartala has been taken up and is expected to be completed during 1993-94. The cumulative progress upto June, 1993 is 80%.

(f) The location survey has been taken up along the National Highway No. 44.

(g) Further consideration of the project will depend on results of the survey and availability of resources in the coming years.

Gauge conversion of Rajkot-Veraval N. G. line

4109. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have included Rajkot-Veraval gauge conversion in their action plan for the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the likely period in which the work will be taken up and completed;

(c) whether extension of this line upto Kodinar is also included in this Plan;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) within what period the gauge conversion work of Rajkot-Veraval NG line would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) By 1996-97, subject to availability of resources.

(c) and (d) An 18.46 Km. long industrial siding from near Veraval to a focal point has been recommended from where respective industries can get industrial sidings constructed to their work sites on 'Deposit' terms.

(e) By 1996-97, subject to availability of resources.

दिल्ली राजहरा-गऊघाट-जगदलपुर के लिए नई रेल लाइन का निर्माण

4110. श्री लक्ष्मी राम अग्रवाल : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या माननीय प्रधान मंत्री जी ने अपने भोपाल के दौरे के दौरान 26 जून, 93 को एक आम सभा में यह घोषणा की थी कि दिल्ली राजहरा-गऊघाट-जगदलपुर के लिए नई रेलवे लाइन के निर्माण संबंधी प्रस्ताव को अति-शीघ्र स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी जायेगी;

(ख) क्या उक्त रेल लाइन के निर्माण संबंधी प्रस्ताव भारत सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उक्त रेल लाइन को कब तक वित्तीय/प्रशासकीय स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी जायेगी ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रस्तावित दिल्ली राजहरा-जगदलपुर 235 कि० मी० लम्बी नई लाइन के निर्माण पर 370 करोड़ रुपये की लागत आने का अनुमान है । रेल परियोजनाओं के लिए घटते हुए बजटीय समर्थन को देखते हुए रेलें अपने सीमित आबंटनों में से इस परियोजना के लिए धन नहीं जुटा पाएंगी ।

इस परियोजना के लिए मध्य प्रदेश सरकार, इस्पात और रेल मंत्रालय द्वारा संयुक्त रूप से धन जुटाने का एक प्रस्ताव है । परियोजना के लिए धन जुटाने संबंधी सहमति हो जाने पर वित्तीय एवं प्रशासनिक अनुमोदन संबंधी प्रक्रिया आरंभ की जाएगी ।

रेलवे में पदोन्नतियों में आरक्षण

4111. श्री सदभवेव आनन्द पासवान : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि एन० ई० आर० ए० किन कारणों से रेल बोर्ड द्वारा जारी किए गए सामान्य वरीयता तथा योग्यता अनुसार वरीयता संबंधी आदेश की अनदेखी कर रहा है और पदोन्नतियों में आरक्षण संबंधी नियमों की अवहेलना कर रहा है जैसे कि रेलवे की अन्य श्रेणियों के साथ-साथ गार्ड की श्रेणी से सम्बन्धित मामलों में किया गया है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका) : पटना और इलाहाबाद स्थित केन्द्रीय प्रशासनिक अधिकरणों की खंडपीठों के आदेशों के कारण सोनपुर और लखनऊ मंडलों में गार्ड की कोटि को छोड़कर पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे में पदोन्नति के मामले में सभी कोटियों में वरिष्ठता नियमों का अनुपालन किया जा रहा है । इन आदेशों के विरूध्द उच्चतम न्यायालय में विशेष अनुमति याचिकाएं दायर की गई हैं ।

Suspension of Train Service in Jammu and Pathankot

4112. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: